



COVID-19, shootings: Is mass death now tolerated in America?

By MICHELLE R. SMITH

Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) —

After mass shootings killed and wounded people grocery shopping, going to church and simply living their lives last weekend, the nation marked a milestone of 1 million deaths from COVID-19. The number, once unthinkable, is now an irreversible reality in the United States — like the persistent reality of gun violence that kills tens of thousands of people a year.

Americans have always tolerated high rates of death among certain segments of society. But the sheer numbers of deaths from preventable causes, and the apparent acceptance that no policy change is on the horizon, raises the question: Has mass death become accepted in America?

"I think the evidence is unmistakable and quite clear. We will tolerate an enormous amount of carnage, suffering and death in the U.S., because we have over the past two years. We have over our history," says Gregg Gonsalves, an



Garnell Whitfield Jr., left, the son of Ruth Whitfield, a victim of shooting at a supermarket, speaks with members of the media during a news conference in Buffalo, N.Y., Monday, May 16, 2022.

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epidemiologist and professor at Yale who was a leading member of the AIDS advocacy group ACT UP. "If I thought the AIDS epi-

demic was bad, the American response to COVID-19 has sort of ... it's a form of the American grotesque, right?" Gonsalves says. "Re-

ally — a million people are dead? And you're going to talk to me about your need to get back to normal, when for the most part

most of us have been living pretty reasonable lives for the past six months?"

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Certain communities have always borne the brunt of higher death rates. There are profound racial and class inequalities in the United States, and our tolerance of death is partly

based on who is at risk, says Elizabeth Wrigley-Field, a sociology professor who studies mortality at the University of Minnesota.

"Some people's deaths matter a lot more than others," she laments. "I think that's what we're seeing in

this really brutal way with this coincidence of timing." In Buffalo, the alleged shooter was a racist bent on killing Black people, according to authorities. The family of 86-year-old Ruth Whitfield, one of the 10 people killed, channeled



Orange County Sheriff's Sgt. Scott Steinle displays a photo of Dr. John Cheng, a 52-year-old victim who was killed in Sunday's shooting at Geneva Presbyterian Church, before a news conference in Santa Ana, Calif., Monday, May 16, 2022.

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the grief and frustration of millions as they demanded action.

"You expect us to keep doing this over and over and over again — over again, forgive and forget," her son, former Buffalo Fire Commissioner Garnell Whitfield, Jr., said. "While people we elect and trust in offices around this country do their best not to protect us, not to consider us equal."

That sense — that politicians have done little even as the violence repeats itself — is shared by many Americans. It's a feeling encapsulated by the "thoughts and prayers" offered to victims of gun violence by politicians unwilling to change policies, according to Martha Lincoln, an anthropology professor at San Francisco State University.

"I don't think that most Americans feel good about it. I think most Americans would like to see real action from their leaders in the culture about these pervasive issues," says Lincoln, who sees a similar

"political vacuum" around COVID-19.

With COVID-19, American society has even come to accept the deaths of children from a preventable cause. Pediatrician Dr. Mark W. Kline wrote in a guest column for The Advocate newspaper that more than 1,500 children have died from COVID-19, and recalled a time in pediatrics when "children were not supposed to die."

"There was no acceptable pediatric body count," he wrote. "At least, not before the first pandemic of the social media age, COVID-19, changed everything."

Gun violence is such a part of life in America now that we organize our lives around its inevitability, says Sonali Rajan, a Columbia University professor who researches school violence. Children do lockdown drills at school. And in about half the states, Rajan says, teachers can carry firearms. She notes that an estimated 100,000 people are shot annually and some 40,000 will die. □

78,000 pounds of infant formula arrives in U.S.

By **MICHAEL CONROY**

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—A military plane carrying enough specialty infant formula for more than half a million baby bottles arrived Sunday in Indianapolis, the first of several flights expected from Europe aimed at relieving a shortage that has sent parents scrambling to find enough to feed their children.

President Joe Biden authorized the use of Air Force planes for the effort, dubbed "Operation Fly Formula," because no commercial flights were available.

The formula weighed 78,000 pounds (35,380 kilograms), White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters aboard Air Force One as Biden flew from South Korea to Japan. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack was in Indianapolis to greet the arrival of the first shipment.

The flights are intended to provide "some incremental relief in the coming days" as the government works on a more lasting response to the shortage, Brian Deese, director of the White House National Economic Council, said Sunday.

Deese told CNN's "State of the Union" that Sunday's flight brought 15% of the specialty medical grade formula needed in the U.S., and because of various actions by the government, people should see "more



Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, left, greets crew members of a C-17 that delivered a plane load of baby formula at the Indianapolis International Airport in Indianapolis, Sunday, May 22, 2022.

formula in stores starting as early as this week."

Longer term, he said, the U.S. needs more formula providers "so that no individual company has this much control over supply chains."

The Biden administration has struggled to address the nationwide shortage of formula, particularly hypoallergenic varieties. The crisis follows the closure of the nation's largest domestic manufacturing plant in Michigan in February due to safety issues.

The White House has said 132 pallets of Nestle Health Science Alfamino Infant and Alfamino Junior formu-

la was to leave Ramstein Air Base in Germany for the U.S. Another 114 pallets of Gerber Good Start Extensive HA formula were expected to arrive in the coming days. Altogether, about 1.5 million 8-ounce bottles of the three formulas, which are hypoallergenic for children with cow's milk protein allergies, are expected to arrive this week.

Indianapolis was chosen because it is a Nestle distribution hub. The formula will be offloaded into FedEx semitractor-trailers and taken to a Nestle distribution center about a mile away where the company will do

a standard quality control check before distributing the supplies to hospitals, pharmacies and doctor's offices, according to an administration official on site.

Nestle said that over the past few months it has worked "around the clock" to address the formula shortage and help meet demand.

"We have significantly increased the amount of our formulas available to consumers by ramping up production and accelerating general product availability to retailers and online, as well as through hospitals and home health care for

those most vulnerable," the company said in a release. "At Nestle we are absolutely committed to doing everything we can to get parents and caregivers the formula they need so their children can thrive," it added. "We prioritized these products because they serve a critical medical purpose as they are for children with cow's milk protein allergies."

Under "Operation Fly Formula," the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health and Human Services are authorized to request Department of Defense support to pick up overseas infant formula that meets U.S. health and safety standards, so it can get to store shelves faster, according to the USDA.

Alfamino is primarily available through hospitals and home health care companies that serve patients at home.

U.S. regulators and the manufacturer, Abbott Nutrition, hope to have its Michigan plant reopened next week, but it will take about two months before product is ready for delivery. The Food and Drug Administration this week eased importation requirements for baby formula to try to ease the supply crunch, which has left store shelves void of some brands and some retailers rationing supply for parents nervous about feeding their children. □

AP source: Giuliani interviewed for hours by 1/6 committee

By **ERIC TUCKER**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rudy Giuliani, who as a lawyer for then-President Donald Trump pushed bogus legal challenges to the 2020 election, met for hours with the House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, a person familiar with the interview said Saturday.

The interview with Giuliani took place virtually and lasted for much of the day

on Friday, according to the person, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity to discuss the private meeting. A spokesperson for the committee declined to comment. Giuliani had been scheduled to meet with the committee earlier this month, but a spokesperson for the panel said that meeting was rescheduled. The former New York mayor is seen as a critical aide for the committee, which has interviewed nearly 1,000

witnesses, including family members of Trump and advisers in his inner circle. The panel plans a series of hearings in June.

In January, the committee subpoenaed Giuliani and other members of the Trump legal team who sought to overturn election results in battleground states through lawsuits that made unsupported claims of vast election fraud. Trump's own attorney general, William Barr, has said there were no widespread irregu-



Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani sits where delegate votes will be counted as nominee for statewide positions are introduced during the Michigan Republican convention at Devos Place in Grand Rapids, Mich., on Saturday, April 23, 2022.

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larities that could have affected the outcome of the race won by President Joe

Biden, and judges across the country have dismissed the allegations. □

Report: Top Southern Baptists stonewalled sex abuse victims

By **DEEPA BHARATH, HOLLY MEYER and DAVID CRARY**
Associated Press

Leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention, America's largest Protestant denomination, stonewalled and denigrated survivors of clergy sex abuse over almost two decades while seeking to protect their own reputations, according to a scathing 288-page investigative report issued Sunday. These survivors, and other concerned Southern Baptists, repeatedly shared allegations with the SBC's Executive Committee, "only to be met, time and time again, with resistance, stonewalling, and even outright hostility from some within the EC," said the report.

The seven-month investigation was conducted by Guidepost Solutions, an independent firm contracted by the Executive Committee after delegates to last year's national meeting pressed for an independent probe.

"Our investigation revealed that, for many years, a few senior EC leaders, along with outside counsel, largely controlled the EC's response to these reports of abuse ... and were singular-



This Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2011 file photo shows the headquarters of the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville, Tenn.

ly focused on avoiding liability for the SBC," the report said. "In service of this goal, survivors and others who reported abuse were ignored, disbelieved, or met with the constant refrain that the SBC could take no action due to its polity regarding church autonomy — even if it meant that convicted molesters continued in ministry with no notice or warning to their current church or congregation,"

the report added.

SBC President Ed Litton, in a statement Sunday, said he is "grieved to my core" for the victims and thanked God for their work propelling the SBC to this moment. He called on Southern Baptists to lament and prepare to change the denomination's culture and implement reforms.

"I pray Southern Baptists will begin preparing today to take deliberate action to

address these failures and chart a new course when we meet together in Anaheim," Litton said.

Among the key recommendations in the report:

— Form an independent commission and later establish a permanent administrative entity to oversee comprehensive long-term reforms concerning sexual abuse and related misconduct within the SBC.

— Create and maintain an

Offender Information System to alert the community to known offenders.

— Provide a comprehensive Resource Toolbox including protocols, training, education, and practical information.

— Restrict the use of non-disclosure agreements and civil settlements which bind survivors to confidentiality in sexual abuse matters, unless requested by the survivor. The sex abuse scandal was thrust into the spotlight in 2019 by a landmark report from the Houston Chronicle and San Antonio Express-News documenting hundreds of cases in Southern Baptist churches, including several in which alleged perpetrators remained in ministry.

Last year, thousands of delegates at the national SBC gathering sent the message that they did not want the Executive Committee to oversee an investigation of its own actions. Instead they voted overwhelmingly to create the task force charged with providing oversight of the third-party review. SBC President Ed Litton, pastor of Redemption Church in Saraland, Alabama, appointed the panel. □



Resident Stephanie Kerwin, center, holds her baby Octavius in one arm and dog Pixie in the other as she and her family carry what they could salvage from her home in Nottingham Forest Mobile Home Park, Saturday, May 21, 2022, in Gaylord, Mich., following a tornado the day before. "This morning is when it first hit me...I could have lost people that I really love. I am so grateful," Kerwin said.

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By **ED WHITE**
Associated Press

Roofs and walls on a busy business stretch were turned to tangled rubble. Mobile homes were destroyed. Tornadoes are so

uncommon in northern Michigan that Gaylord doesn't have a siren system to warn people about hazardous weather.

The town of 4,200 turned to cleanup Saturday, a

2 dead; northern Michigan town cleans up from rare tornado

day after a tornado with 140 mph winds pummeled Gaylord, killing two people, injuring more than 40 and shocking residents who are more familiar with snowstorms than spring windstorms.

A utility reported much progress in restoring electricity, though thousands still lacked power. Some roads remained clogged with downed poles and other wreckage.

"We have a lot of debris to clear," said state police Lt. Derrick Carroll.

Two people in their 70s who lived at the Nottingham Forest mobile home park died, state police said. It was among the first sites hit by the tornado, which was rated an EF3 by the Na-

tional Weather Service on a scale of 0-5.

"There have been trailers picked up and turned over on top of each other. Just a very large debris field," said Chris Martin, Otsego County fire chief. Martin said crews used heavy equipment to conduct a secondary search of the area. He said there's "probably 95% destruction in there." Gaylord, about 230 miles (370 kilometers) northwest of Detroit, is a popular destination for skiers and snowmobilers in the winter and golfers in the summer. It doesn't have tornado sirens, though anyone with a mobile phone got a "code red" warning from the weather service about 10 minutes before the tornado

hit, Carroll said.

Video posted online showed a dark funnel cloud approaching as anxious drivers looked on or slowly drove away on area roads. "Everyone in Michigan is going to wrap our arms around those families and everyone who is working together to recover here," Michigan Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist said during a visit. Betty Wisniewski, 87, avoided injury even though the tornado significantly damaged her house, said son Steve Wisniewski, who lives next door.

"Luckily she was OK — rosary in hand," he said from a ladder while attaching plastic to his windows. "She was praying. Pretty amazing." □

Russia cuts off gas exports to Finland in symbolic move

By JARI TANNER

Associated Press

HELSINKI (AP) — Russia halted gas exports to neighboring Finland on Saturday, a highly symbolic move that came just days after the Nordic country announced it wanted to join NATO and marked a likely end to Finland's nearly 50 years of importing natural gas from Russia. The measure taken by the Russian energy giant Gazprom was in line with an earlier announcement following Helsinki's refusal to pay for the gas in rubles as Russian President Vladimir Putin has demanded European countries do since Russia invaded Ukraine on Feb. 24.

The Finnish state-owned gas company Gasum said that "natural gas supplies to Finland under Gasum's supply contract have been cut off" by Russia on Saturday morning at 7 a.m. local time (0400 GMT).

The announcement follows Moscow's decision to cut off electricity exports to Finland earlier this month and an earlier decision by the Finnish state-controlled oil company Neste to replace imports of Russian crude oil with crude oil from elsewhere.

After decades of energy cooperation that was seen beneficial for both Hel-



A view of the business tower Lakhta Centre, the headquarters of Russian gas monopoly Gazprom in St. Petersburg, Russia, Wednesday, April 27, 2022.

sinki — particularly in the case of inexpensive Russian crude oil — and Moscow, Finland's energy ties with Russia are now all but gone.

Such a break was easier for Finland than it will be for other European Union nations. Natural gas accounts for just some 5% of total energy consumption in Finland, a country of 5.5 million. Almost all of that gas comes from Russia, and is used mainly by industrial and other companies with only an estimated 4,000

households relying on gas heating.

Gasum said it would now supply natural gas to its customers from other sources through the undersea Balticconnector gas pipeline running between Finland and Estonia and connecting the Finnish and Baltic gas grids.

Matti Vanhanen, the former Finnish prime minister and current speaker of Parliament, said the effect of Moscow's decision to cut off gas after nearly 50 years since the first deliveries from

the Soviet Union began is above all symbolic.

In an interview Saturday with the Finnish public broadcaster YLE, Vanhanen said the decision marks an end of "a hugely important period between Finland, the Soviet Union and Russia, not only in energy terms but symbolically." "That pipeline is unlikely to ever open again," Vanhanen told YLE, referring to the two parallel Russia-Finland natural gas pipelines that were launched in 1974. The first connections

from Finland's power grid to the Soviet transmission system were also constructed in the 1970s, allowing electricity imports to Finland in case additional capacity was needed.

Vanhanen didn't see Moscow's gas stoppage as a retaliatory step from Russia to Finland's bid to join NATO but rather a countermove to Western sanctions imposed on Moscow following its invasion of Ukraine.

"Russia did the same thing with Finland it has done earlier with some other countries to maintain its own credibility," Vanhanen said, referring to the Kremlin's demands to buy its gas in rubles.

Finland shares a 1,340-kilometer (830-mile) with Russia, the longest of any of the EU's 27 members, and has a conflict-ridden history with its huge eastern neighbor.

After losing two wars to Soviet Union, in World War II, Finland opted for neutrality with stable and pragmatic political and economic ties with Moscow. Large-scale energy cooperation, also including nuclear power, between the two countries was one of the most visible signs of friendly bilateral ties between former enemies. □

WHO chief: The COVID pandemic is 'most certainly not over'

BERLIN (AP) — The COVID-19 pandemic is "most certainly not over," the head of the World Health Organization warned Sunday, despite a decline in reported cases since the peak of the omicron wave. He told governments that "we lower our guard at our peril."

The U.N. health agency's director-general, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, told officials gathered in Geneva for opening of the WHO's annual meeting that "declining testing and sequencing means we are blinding ourselves to the evolution of the virus." He also noted that almost

1 billion people in lower-income countries still haven't been vaccinated.

In a weekly report Thursday on the global situation, WHO said the number of new COVID-19 cases appears to have stabilized after weeks of decline since late March, while the overall number of weekly deaths dropped.

While there has been progress, with 60% of the world's population vaccinated, "it's not over anywhere until it's over everywhere," Tedros said.

"Reported cases are increasing in almost 70 countries in all regions, and this in a world in which testing

rates have plummeted," he added. Reported deaths are rising in Africa, the continent with the lowest vaccination coverage, he said, and only 57 countries — almost all of them wealthy — have vaccinated 70% of their people.

While the world's vaccine supply has improved, there is "insufficient political commitment to roll out vaccines" in some countries, gaps in "operational or financial capacity" in others, he said.

"In all, we see vaccine hesitancy driven by misinformation and disinformation," Tedros said. "The pandemic will not magically disap-



Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, left, Director General of the World Health Organization (WHO), talks with a member of staff during the first day of the 75th World Health Assembly at the European headquarters of the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, Sunday, May 22, 2022.

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pear, but we can end it." Tedros is expected to be appointed for a second five-year term this week

at the World Health Assembly, the annual meeting of the WHO's member countries. □

Iran Revolutionary Guard colonel is shot dead in Tehran



In this photo provided by Islamic Republic News Agency, IRNA, family members of Col. Hassan Sayyad Khodaei weep over his body at his car after being shot by two assailants in Tehran, Iran, Sunday, May 22, 2022.

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — A senior member of Iran's powerful Revolutionary Guard was killed outside his home in Tehran on Sunday by unidentified gunmen on a motorbike, state TV reported.

Although the Guard gave only scant detail about the attack that occurred in broad daylight in the heart of Iran's capital, the group blamed the killing on "global arrogance," typically code for the United States and Israel.

That accusation, as well as the style of the brazen killing, raised the possibility of a link with other motorbike slayings previously attributed to Israel in Iran, such as those targeting the country's nuclear scientists. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack.

The two assailants shot Col. Hassan Sayyad Khodaei

five times in his unarmored Iranian-made Kia Pride, state media said, right off a highly secure street home to Iran's parliament.

Reports identified Khodaei only as a "defender of the shrine," a reference to Iranians who fight against the extremist Islamic State group in Syria and Iraq within the Guard's elite Quds force that oversees foreign operations.

Little information was publicly available about Khodaei, as Quds officers tend to be shadowy figures carrying out secretive military missions supporting Hezbollah, the Lebanese militant group, and other militias in Syria, Iraq and elsewhere.

The Tehran prosecutor arrived at the crime scene within hours of the killing to investigate and demanded police urgently arrest the perpetrators. The probe's speed suggested

Khodaei's prominence in the murky structure of the Guard's overseas operations.

Those operations have come under repeated Israeli air attack in Syria. An Israeli strike near the Syrian capital of Damascus killed two Guard members in March, prompting Iran to retaliate by firing a missile barrage into northern Iraq. Security forces were pursuing the suspected assailants, state TV reported, without offering further details or giving a motive for the killing.

Around the same time, state-run media said the Revolutionary Guard's security forces had uncovered and arrested members of an Israeli intelligence network operating in the country, without elaborating on whether they had any connection to Khodaei's slaying. □

Australian Labor topples conservatives; PM faces early tests

By **ROD MCGUIRK**

Associated Press

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)

— Australia's center-left opposition party toppled the conservative government after almost a decade in power, and Prime Minister-elect Anthony Albanese in his Saturday election victory speech promised sharper reductions in greenhouse gas emissions while he faces an early foreign policy test.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison said he quickly conceded defeat despite millions of votes yet to be counted because an Australian leader must attend a Tokyo summit on Tuesday with U.S. President Joe Biden, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Albanese, who has described himself as the only candidate with a "non-Anglo Celtic name" to run for prime minister in the 121 years that the office has existed, referred to his own humble upbringing in the Sydney suburb of Camperdown.

"It says a lot about our

great country that a son of a single mom who was a disability pensioner, who grew up in public housing down the road in Camperdown can stand before you tonight as Australia's prime minister," Albanese said.

"Every parent wants more for the next generation than they had. My mother dreamt of a better life for me. And I hope that my journey in life inspires Australians to reach for the stars," he added.

Albanese will be sworn in as prime minister after his Labor party clinched its first electoral win since 2007.

Labor has promised more financial assistance and a robust social safety net as Australia grapples with the highest inflation since 2001 and soaring housing prices. The party also plans to increase minimum wages, and on the foreign policy front, it proposed to establish a Pacific defense school to train neighboring armies in response to China's potential military presence on the Solomon Islands on Australia's doorstep.

It also wants to tackle cli-

mate change with a more ambitious 43% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and net zero emissions by 2050.

Morrison's Liberal party-led coalition was seeking a fourth three-year term. It held the narrowest of majorities — 76 seats in the 151-member House of Representatives, where parties need a majority to form a government. In early counting on Saturday, the coalition was on track to win 51 seats, Labor 72, 10 were unaligned lawmakers and 18 were too close to call.

The major parties bled votes to fringe parties and independents, which increases the likelihood of a hung parliament and a minority government.

Australia most recent hung parliaments were from 2010-13, and during World War II.

The minor Australian Greens party appeared to have increased its representation from a single seat to three. The Greens supported a Labor minority government in 2010, and will likely support a Labor administration



Labor Party leader Anthony Albanese holds his dog, Toto, after he and his partner Jodie Haydon, left, voted in Sydney, Australia, Saturday, May 21, 2022.

Associated Press

again if the party falls short of a 76-seat majority.

As well as campaigning against Labor, Morrison's conservative Liberals fought off a new challenge from so-called teal independent candidates to key government lawmakers' reelection in party strongholds.

At least four Liberal lawmakers appeared to have lost their seats to teal independents including Liberal Party deputy leader Josh Frydenberg, who had been considered Morrison's most likely successor.

"What we have achieved here is extraordinary," teal candidate and former foreign correspondent Zoe Daniels said in her victory speech.

"Safe Liberal seat. Two-term incumbent. Independent," she added.

The teal independents are marketed as a greener shade than the Liberal Party's traditional blue color and want stronger government action on reducing Australia's greenhouse gas emissions than either the government or Labor are proposing. □





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Gangs strangle Haiti's capital as deaths, kidnappings soar

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Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)

— It was about 6 a.m. when Venique Moïse flung open the door of her house and saw dozens of people running — their children in one hand and scant belongings in the other — as gunfire intensified.

Minutes later, she joined the crowd with her own three kids and fled as fires burned nearby, collapsing homes. Over the coming hours and days, the bodies of nearly 200 men, women and children — shot, burned or mutilated with machetes by warring gangs — were found in that part of Haiti's capital. "That Sunday, when the war started, I felt that I was going to die," Moïse said.

Gangs are fighting each other and seizing territory in the capital of Port-au-Prince with a new intensity and brutality.

The violence has horrified many who feel the country is swiftly unraveling as it tries to recover from the July 7 assassination of President Jovenel Moïse and the United Nations prepares to debate the future of its longtime presence in Haiti. Experts say the scale and duration of gang clashes, the power criminals wield and the amount of territory they control has reached levels not seen before.

Gangs have forced schools, businesses and



A police officer patrols a street during an anti-gang operation in Croix-des-Missions, north of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Thursday, April 28, 2022.

Associated Press

hospitals to close as they raid new neighborhoods, seize control of the main roads connecting the capital to the rest of the country and kidnap victims daily, including eight Turkish citizens still held captive, authorities say.

Gangs also are recruiting more children than before, arming them with heavy weapons and forming temporary alliances with other gangs in attempts to take over more territory for economic and political gain ahead of the country's general elections, said Jaime Vigil Recinos, the United Nations' police commissioner in Haiti.

"It's astonishing," he told The

Associated Press, noting that gang clashes are becoming protracted, ruthless affairs. "We are talking about something that Haiti hasn't experienced before." At least 92 civilians and 96 suspected gang members were killed between April 24 and May 16, with another 113 injured, 12 missing and 49 kidnapped for ransom, according to the U.N. Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. The office warned that the actual number of people killed "may be much higher." Haiti's National Human Rights Defense Network said some victims were decapitated while others were thrown

into wells and latrines. Gangs posted pictures of the gruesome scenes on social media to further terrorize people. The network said that most women and girls were raped before being killed. "Armed violence has reached unimaginable and intolerable levels in Haiti," Michelle Bachelet, the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, said in a May 17 statement. Bruno Maes, UNICEF's representative in Haiti, told the AP that one growing concern is the lack of access to basic things like water, food and medicine because people remain trapped in certain areas while gangs continue to fight, noting

that malnutrition is on the rise, affecting 1 in 5 children in the Cité Soleil neighborhood alone.

"We are really seeing a strangulation of Port-au-Prince," he said, adding that UNICEF has been forced to use a helicopter and now a boat to try to reach those most in need. Staff at hospitals and clinics report they're being stretched thin, with Doctors Without Borders noting that it treated nearly 100 people for gunshot wounds from April 24 to May 7, forcing the aid group to reopen a clinic in Cité Soleil it had closed in early April because of the violence.

Prime Minister Ariel Henry has remained largely quiet amid the escalating gang violence, while Frantz Elbé, Haiti's new police chief, said dozens of gang members have been arrested and another 94 killed in clashes with police since he took over the department six months ago. Nearly 5,000 suspects have been accused of crimes including murder and kidnapping, Elbé said. "I am going to continue to track down the criminals," he pledged in a May 9 news conference, adding that Haiti's understaffed and under-resourced police department of roughly 11,000 officers for a country of more than 11 million people was receiving training and equipment from the international community. □

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The honorees are Thomas P. Malley, residents of Forest Hills New York, who have been honored as Distinguished Visitors.

The wonderful visitors loves coming to the Island for its white sandy beaches and friendly Arubans, saying "Aruba is one of the safest to live and travel. It has amazing sunsets. Costa Linda is my second home and the staff became my family."

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The symbolic honorary title is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism, as a token of appreciation to the guests who visit Aruba between the 10-20-35 and more consecutive year mark.

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the Island for its local life, driving down the village, food, beaches and water activities, they added that "Aruba has become our second home. And has a special place in our hearts. Meeting the locals is our favorite thing to do."

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Consumers defy inflation to support economy. For how long?

By **CHRISTOPHER RUGABER**
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AP Business Writers

WASHINGTON (AP) — With prices across the economy — from food, gas and rent to cars, airfares and hotel rooms — soaring at their fastest pace in decades, you might think Americans would tap the brakes on spending.

Not so far. Consumers as a whole are showing surprising resilience, not only sustaining their spending but increasing it even after adjusting for inflation. In April, the government said, retail sales outpaced inflation for a fourth straight month. It was a reassuring sign that consumers — the primary drivers of America's economy — are still providing vital support and helping allay concerns that a recession might be near.

Yet at the same time, there are signs that some people, especially in lower-income households, are starting to cut back, by shifting to lower-priced or alternative items or by skipping some purchases altogether as inflation shrinks their disposable income.

Last week, for example, Walmart, which caters to price-conscious consumers, reported that more of them were favoring lower-cost store brands of lunch meat over pricier national brands and buying half-gallon cartons of milk rather than full gallons. Likewise, Kohl's, a mid-priced department store, said its customers were spending less on each visit.

All of which has spotlighted a question floating over the economy: How long will consumers as a whole continue to spend at healthy levels — even if through gritted teeth — despite the pressures they're feeling from inflation near 40-year highs? The answer will be key to whether the nation can avoid a recession as the Federal Reserve moves to sharply raise borrowing rates.

By most measures, consumers have downshifted from last year's blowout spending, which was fueled by stimulus checks



Dan Gabel, right, and fellow musicians perform in downtown Boston, Tuesday, May 10, 2022. In the photo, from left to right, are Eric Baldwin, banjo; Ed Goroza, sousaphone; Josiah Reibstein, trombone; and Gabel, trumpet.

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and other government aid after the brutal pandemic recession. This year, noted Michelle Meyer, chief U.S. economist at the MasterCard Economics Institute, steadily surging prices have dimmed Americans' outlook for the economy.

Even so, Meyer said, there is some cause for optimism. "There's still plenty of reasons to believe in the resilience of the consumer," she said, pointing to America's robust job market and the solid pay increases many people are receiving. "There is a certain amount of frustration as they navigate the environment we're in. But they're still spending."

Consider that even while consumer sentiment as measured by the University of Michigan plunged nearly 30% over the past year, Americans' spending outran inflation during that time. Economists at Michigan noted that there has been a "historic disconnect" between sentiment and actual consumer behavior.

Some economists warn that steady consumer spending won't likely last in the face of the Fed's aggressive credit tightening. And if consumer spending

does stay strong, the Fed might eventually have to jack up rates even further to cool the economy and slow inflation. Earlier this month, in its quest to quell inflation, the Fed raised its benchmark rate by a half-percentage point and signaled additional large rate hikes to come. Some fear the economy could slide into recession next year.

Still, several trends are driving Americans' spending, including rising pay, savings amassed during the pandemic and a rebound in credit card use. Those savings and continued wage gains, economists say, could fuel healthy spending throughout this year. Consumers have been shifting much of their spending away from appliances, electronics and exercise equipment — the kinds of goods many splurged on early in the pandemic while hunkered down at home — to travel, entertainment and other services. The intensity of that shift has caught many retailers off guard and contributed to some negative earnings reports.

Brian Cornell, Target's CEO, said that chain "did not expect to see the dramatic shift" in spending

away from TVs, appliances and patio furniture and toward luggage, restaurant gift cards and other items that reflect Americans' increased desire to leave home and spend.

Southwest Airlines has said that surging demand for air travel will keep it profitable through this year. Though average fares jumped 32% in the first quarter from a year earlier, the carrier said it's seen no sign of curtailed demand.

For many people, the opportunity to travel after two years of restrictions is outweighing the financial pressures of higher prices.

Mike and Marsha Dyslin, who live in San Jose, flew to Washington, D.C., last week to visit their daughter, Sarah, a graduate student at Georgetown University. "She's been out here at school for two years, and we haven't visited the whole time because of COVID," Marsha Dyslin said. "Your priorities change."

To save on gas, Mike Dyslin said they've been driving their Toyota Prius more than their SUV but otherwise haven't made major changes in their spending habits.

Soaring gas and food prices have led other consum-

ers, though, to start pulling back. The national average cost of a gallon of gas has jumped to \$4.59, up a painful 50%-plus from a year earlier, according to AAA.

Walmart has said its shoppers are visiting its gas stations more frequently but filling up less each time. And Kohl's last week reported a drop in the payment rate for its store cards after a year in which customers made sizable payments. Higher levels of card debt raise the risk of increased delinquencies.

Dan Gabel, a musician in Millbury, Massachusetts, has pared his entertainment spending as costs have soared far beyond what he earns. Gabel, a big-band leader and trombonist, is facing soaring prices not just for gas but also for many items he needs for work — from dry cleaning band uniforms to lubricant for maintaining instruments to the cost of paper and ink to print music scores.

To save money, Gabel, 33, and his partner, an opera singer, have dropped HBO and Netflix. Though the music gigs have been steady, Gabel now takes the train, if he can, rather than drive when he performs out of town.

"We're feeling the crunch," Gabel said. "It's all these little things that do add up." Nationally, though, the overall resilience of consumer spending illustrates a trend that can perpetuate inflation: Though people hate higher prices, they often keep paying them if their wages are also rising. "Inflation doesn't cure itself," said Laura Veldkamp, a finance professor at Columbia University. "If the prices of goods and wages rise together, then that doesn't necessarily bring down demand."

Across the economy, median wages jumped 6% in April from a year earlier, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. That was the largest increase since 1990, though it was below the inflation rate of 8.3%. □

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

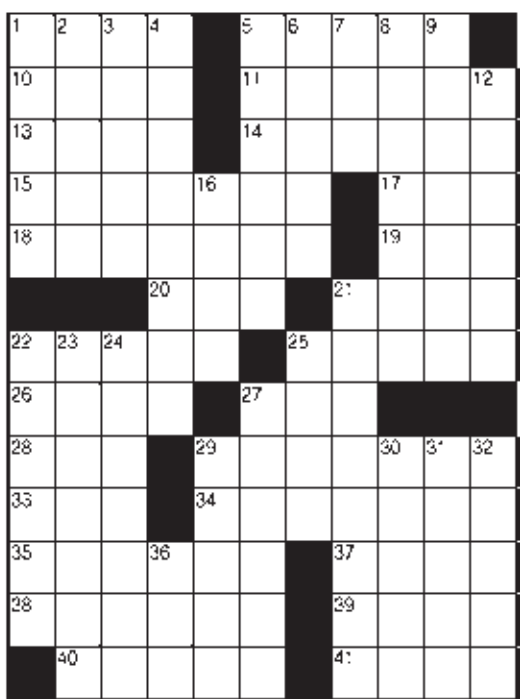
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Saturday's Cryptoquote: THE SINGLE ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT OF GOOD MANNERS IS A SENSITIVE AWARENESS OF THE FEELINGS OF OTHERS.

'Triangle of Sadness': Biting social satire delights Cannes

By JAKE COYLE

AP Film Writer

CANNES, France (AP) —

Fashion models, Instagram influencers and Russian oligarchs collide on a yacht — and some very extreme sickness ensues — in Ruben Östlund's "Triangle of Sadness," a social satire that had viewers at the Cannes Film Festival in hysterics.

The Swedish filmmaker's latest, co-starring Woody Harrelson as a Marxist boat captain, has made one of the biggest splashes at this year's festival. At its premiere Saturday evening, there were such waves of laughter and applause that Östlund on Sunday compared it to a crowd at a soccer match.

Östlund has already found an international audience for movies that take an uproarious, uncomfortable aim at money, masculinity and other big social targets in films like the Alpine marital drama "Force Majeure" (remade as "Downhill," with Julia Louis Dreyfus and Will Ferrell) and the art-world satire "The Square," which won the Palme d'Or top prize at Cannes in 2017.

But in his first English-language film, and with a budget twice that of "The Square," Östlund wanted to go even further with his particular brand of "roller-coaster for adults" cinema. "I wanted to do something that's worth leaving your home and leaving your screens, leaving the streaming services you have at home," Östlund said ahead of the film's premiere. "I didn't want to get stuck in the art house part of cinema-making. I was really looking into that I felt I enjoyed watching myself. And the project I was



Jean-Christophe Folly, from left, Vicki Berlin, Woody Harrelson, and Ruben Östlund pose for photographers at the photo call for the film 'Triangle of Sadness' at the 75th international film festival, Cannes, southern France, Sunday, May 22, 2022.

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thinking about had a wild set-up."

"Triangle of Sadness," which is playing in competition for this year's Palme d'Or, is named after a term in the fashion world for a triangle-shaped crease between the eyebrows. The first third of Östlund's film follows a male model played by Harris Dickinson and his influencer girlfriend portrayed by Charlbi Dean who argue over picking up a check after dinner.

Other riffs on fashion follow, but "Triangle of Sadness" moves into another gear in its second act, when they take a trip on a luxury yacht captained by a drunk socialist (Harrelson). The boat's uber rich tourists include weapons makers and a Russian fertilizer magnate played by Zlatko Burić.

"Triangle of Sadness" reaches a comic crescendo when the seas turn rough, and an elaborate dinner ends up a farce of vomiting — and worse — while the captain and oligarch debate politics.

"During my upbringing, East and West were hitting their

heads against each other," says Östlund. "All of a sudden, we're back in that in some way."

"I was brought up in a home where you talk about society and a lot of the ideas that influenced the politics in the '60s," says Östlund. "Marx has been someone that's present in discussions in my home. If you talk about human behavior and you have a materialistic viewpoint on why we behave as we behave, then it becomes almost impossible not to talk about class." Harrelson has quickly become a great fan of Östlund. On Sunday, he told reporters that making "The Triangle of Sadness" was a "revitalizing" experience and announced that he'll be in Östlund's next film, whether the director wants him or not. (The plans are genuine. Östlund said the film will be titled "The Entertainment System Is Down.") "He can make you extremely uncomfortable," Harrelson said. "He makes you think. He can give you a sense of meaning, like there was a purpose to seeing the film — and perhaps more importantly, he makes you laugh throughout. Which is quite a trick." Östlund granted that winning the Palme d'Or previously added pressure to making "Triangle of Sadness." But given the enthusiastic response from festivalgoers, Östlund could find himself in the mix again for Cannes' top prizes. □

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Carapaz shakes off early crash to keep Giro lead in Stage 15



Italian cyclist Giulio Ciccone crosses the finish line to win the 15th stage of the Giro d'Italia cycling race from Rivarolo Canavese to Cogne, Italy, Sunday, May 22, 2022.

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COGNE, Italy (AP) — Escorted up three long climbs by his powerful Ineos Grenadiers team, Richard Carapaz shook off an early crash to hold onto the Giro d'Italia overall lead during his first day wearing the pink jersey.

Italian rider Giulio Ciccone got into an early breakaway then launched a solo attack on the finishing climb to win the 15th stage on Sunday.

Carapaz, the Ecuadorian who took the lead a day earlier, remained seven seconds ahead of Jai Hindley and 30 seconds ahead of João Almeida.

Carapaz, the 2019 Giro champion and an Olympic gold medalist last year, was involved in a mass crash early on when he fell off of his bike onto the grass lining a flat road.

Carapaz said there was "no consequence at all" from the crash.

"I just had to change bikes," he said. "Then it went smoothly. The scenario of the race was pretty good. The first part was hard. Then we had it under control."

For his third career Giro victory after also winning

stages in 2016 and 2019, Ciccone was cheered on by large crowds lining the cobblestoned streets in the finale. As is his tradition, Ciccone — who wore the yellow jersey for two stages during the 2019 Tour de France — threw his sunglasses into the crowd just before crossing the finish line.

"This is my most beautiful win. It's better than the yellow jersey at the Tour de France, better than my first wins at the Giro because I

went through difficult times in the past two years, with crashes, illnesses and COVID," Ciccone said.

Ciccone, who rides for the Trek-Segafredo team, clocked 4 hours, 37 minutes over the 178-kilometer (111-mile) leg from Rivarolo Canavese to Cogne in the northwestern Valle d'Aosta region.

The final climb to Cogne was a lengthy 22.2 kilometers (14 miles) but was steep only at the start and had an average gradient of

just 4.3%. Requiring about an hour of climbing, it was still a challenge and when Ciccone attacked with 18.8 kilometers (12 miles) to go, his breakaway companions had no answer.

Santiago Buitrago crossed second, 1:31 behind, and Antonio Pedrero was third, 2:19 behind.

Carapaz crossed nearly eight minutes behind.

"I chose to attack solo with 19 kilometers to go because it was the steepest part of the climb and I wasn't sure if I'd be able to drop everyone later on," Ciccone said.

After the race's final rest day on Monday, the Giro resumes Tuesday with one of the sport's toughest climbs up the Mortirolo along the 202-kilometer (126-mile) leg from Salò to Aprica. The annual wine stage is dedicated to the Sforzato variety of the Valtellina area.

The race ends next Sunday in Verona. □



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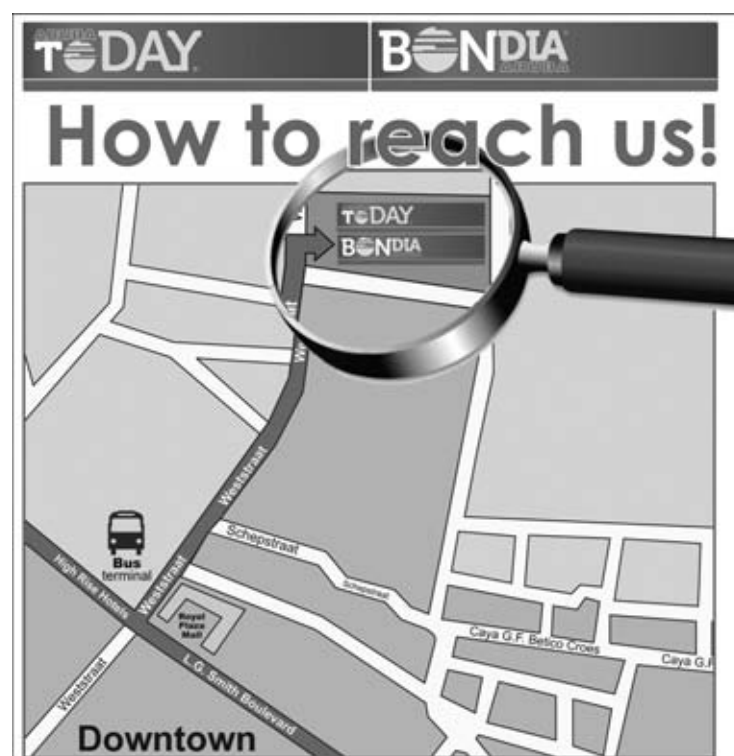
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Rich Strike yes, Preakness champ Early Voting no for Belmont

By **STEPHEN WHYNO**

AP Sports Writer

BALTIMORE (AP) — Twelve hours before Early Voting won the Preakness, Kentucky Derby champion Rich Strike was back on the track at Churchill Downs to begin preparations for the Belmont Stakes.

After impressing with a strong workout, Rich Strike remains on track for the third leg of the Triple Crown. Trainer Eric Reed confirmed to The Associated Press on Sunday the plan is "absolutely" still to run Rich Strike in the Belmont.

But there won't be a showdown between the surprise Derby champion and the Preakness winner. Early Voting's owner and trainer confirmed the colt will bypass the Belmont; they plan to run him this summer with the ultimate goal of getting him ready for the \$1.25 million Travers Stakes at Saratoga Race Course in upstate New York on Aug. 27. Owner Seth Klarman and trainer Chad Brown cast doubt on the Belmont minutes after Early Voting held off favorite Epicenter to win the 1 3/16-mile Preakness, citing the mile-and-a-half distance as an obstacle. "There will be some racing before (the Travers)," Brown said. "We'll get him back to Belmont, assess him, train him a bit and then start to map out a campaign that hopefully leads us to the



Jose Ortiz, right, atop Early Voting, heads to the finish line with Joel Rosario, atop Epicenter, at his tail before winning the 147th running of the Preakness Stakes horse race at Pimlico Race Course, Saturday, May 21, 2022, in Baltimore.

Midsummer Derby."

Epicenter, the first horse in a decade to finish second in both the Kentucky Derby and Preakness, likely won't be brought back for the Belmont, which would be a third race in five weeks. Owner Ron Winchell said "that's a stretch" based on Epicenter's recent schedule.

Owner Rick Dawson prioritized extra rest for Rich Strike after the 80-1 long shot won the Derby rather than pushing for a return two weeks later in the Preakness, which was won by a well-rested horse off

a six-week layoff. Reed on Saturday called skipping the Preakness "one of the toughest decisions" he has made and added he thought Rich Strike wouldn't have been mentally ready for the race.

The plan is now for Rich Strike to stay at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky, through the end of the month before traveling to New York.

"He does so well here I just didn't want to change anything yet," Reed said. "He'll get eight or nine days at Belmont to gallop and get used to the surface."

Little-known jockey Sonny Leon is expected to ride Rich Strike in the Belmont after engineering the perfect trip to win the Derby. It took a horse being withdrawn from the Derby to get Rich Strike into the field just before the deadline. That horse, Ethereal Road, came from behind to win the \$100,000 Sir Barton Stakes on the Preakness undercard Saturday.

"We can definitely build off this," said 86-year-old Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas, who started second-guessing himself for not letting Ethereal Road run in

the Derby.

But there's still a chance of Ethereal Road running in a Triple Crown race. After winning the Sir Barton at 1 1/16 miles, jockey Luis Saez didn't seem worried about the longer Belmont.

"Oh yeah, he can run all day," Saez said. "He can definitely go longer."

Lukas-trained filly Secret Oath, who finished fourth in the Preakness, won't run in the Belmont. Lukas said last week the ideal roadmap for the Kentucky Oaks winner includes Saratoga races in July and August and one at Parx outside Philadelphia in September before the Breeders' Cup in early November.

A couple of other Preakness horses are Belmont candidates, most notably third-place finisher Creative Minister. Trainer Kenny McPeck said the Belmont is the plan because Creative Minister's pedigree indicates the longer distance will help.

"I just think he'll like the added ground, as long as he handles the surface up there," McPeck said.

Skippylongstocking, who was fifth, could also go to the Belmont. But trainer Safie Joseph isn't in a hurry to make a decision until next week.

"It might be worth taking a shot at it," Joseph said. "We'll see how he comes out and see how his energy is and then decide." □

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French Open Lookahead: Swiatek, Nadal, Djokovic on Day 2

PARIS (AP) — LOOKAHEAD TO MONDAY

The second day at Roland Garros features quite a lineup in Court Philippe Chatrier, with matches involving No. 1 seed Iga Swiatek and defending champion Barbora Krejickova getting things started in the afternoon.

They'll be followed into the main stadium by 13-time champion Rafael Nadal. And Novak Djokovic will wrap things up in the night session as he opens defense of his 2021 title as the No. 1 seed. It's a good

thing Chatrier now has a retractable roof, because there is plenty of rain in the forecast. Other big names in action on other courts include reigning U.S. Open champion Emma Raducanu and four-time major champion Naomi Osaka, who faces the woman who beat her at the Australian Open in January, American Amanda Anisimova.

MONDAY'S FORECAST

Rain throughout the day. High of 73 degrees Fahrenheit (23 Celsius).

SUNDAY'S KEY RESULTS

Women's First Round: Mag-

da Linette beat No. 6 Ons Jabeur 3-6, 7-6 (4), 7-5; Kaia Kanepi beat No. 10 Garbiñe Muguruza 2-6, 6-3, 6-4; No. 18 Coco Gauff beat Rebecca Marino 7-5, 6-0.

STAT OF THE DAY

7-6 (10-5) — The score of the fifth set in Argentine qualifier Camilo Ugo Carabelli's victory over Aslan Karatsev, marking the first time in French Open history that a deciding set was settled by a tiebreaker. There never have been tiebreakers used in fifth sets of men's matches or third sets of women's matches



Iga Swiatek, of Poland, reaches for a return against Belinda Bencic, of Switzerland, during the fourth round of the US Open tennis championships, Monday, Sept. 6, 2021, in New York.

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at Roland Garros until now; the four Grand Slam tournaments agreed this year to make the first-to-10 tiebreaker at 6-all in those deciding sets standard across the sport's major events.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I'm really happy with the performance in my first match in Philippe Chatrier and hope to play more matches in this court." — Alcaraz, the 19-year-old Spaniard seen as a future star of tennis. □

Thomas wins 2nd PGA title in playoff after 7-shot rally

By DOUG FERGUSON

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Justin Thomas is a major champion when he least expected it.

Thomas matched a PGA Championship record Sunday when he rallied from a seven-shot deficit at Southern Hills, and then saved his most exquisite shot-making for a three-hole playoff to defeat Will Zalatoris.

He closed with a 3-under 67, matching the low score of a final round made difficult more by nerves than the wind. He seized control in the playoff with a 3-wood to 35 feet on the 301-yard 17th hole for a two-putt birdie.

He tapped in for par and stood erect with a smile, a mixture of joy and disbelief. "I was asked early in the week what lead is safe and I said, 'No lead,'" Thomas said. "I can't believe I found myself in a playoff."

Thomas needed plenty of help, and Mito Pereira provided it in a tragic finish. The 27-year-old from Chile, playing in only his second major, took a one-shot lead to the final hole and drove into a creek to make double bogey.

It was the first time since Phil Mickelson at Winged Foot in the 2006 U.S. Open that a player lost a one-shot lead in the final hole to lose a major.

Zalatoris looked like he had thrown away his chances for a first major — and first PGA Tour victory — when he three-putted from just outside 20 feet on the 16th hole. But he responded with a birdie from the bunker at the 17th and holed an 8-foot par putt on the 18th for a 71.

He joined Thomas at 5-under 275, and they played on when Pereira faltered. Thomas, who had gone 14 months since his last victory at The Players Championship last year, now has a PGA Tour victory in each of his last eight years and moves to No. 5 in the world. John Mahaffey in the 1978 PGA Championship at Oakmont was the other player to come from seven shots behind on the final day. He also won in a play-



Justin Thomas reacts after his final round of the PGA Championship golf tournament at Southern Hills Country Club, Sunday, May 22, 2022, in Tulsa, Okla.

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off over Tom Watson and Jerry Pate.

Thomas was still seven shots behind when he made his remarkable run, a mixture of key birdies and keeping mistakes off his card. It

started with a 65-foot birdie putt from just short of the green to a back pin on the par-3 11th. He edged closer with an 18-foot birdie on the next hole.

He was lurking, while the

leading pack behind him was leaking oil.

Zalatoris and Cameron Young each caught Pereira, ever so briefly. All of them found trouble in the rough and in the sand. Thomas nearly holed a long bunker shot on the 16th, made birdie from a left bunker on the reachable 17th and had a 10-foot birdie putt he thought he needed at the end.

He missed, and got a reprieve.

Pereira was on the cusp of becoming Chile's first major champion, and giving South America the career Grand Slam.

Even after five bogeys, he never lost the lead and delivered clutch par saves from the bunker left of the ninth green and from well

behind the 10th green. None was bigger than his 12-foot putt on the 16th to stay one shot ahead.

It all came undone with one swing.

His sawed-off swing with the driver, so effective on the previous hole, peeled to the right and into the creek down the right side of the 18th fairway. After a penalty drop, his approach up the hill started left and never cut back, landing in the rough. His chip rolled off the back edge of the green.

His double bogey gave him a 75, a hard-luck end to such a promising week.

"On Monday, I just wanted to make the cut. On Sunday, I wanted to win," Pereira said. "I'll take this to learn for the future." □

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